GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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SCHEME FOR URBAN FOOTPATH DWELLERS
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has any scheme for the urban footpath dwellers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of footpath dwellers identified in each State; and

(d) the steps rehabi1itation? taken to provide them suitable

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)to(d): The scheme of `Raen Baseras or community Night Shelter Scheme1` was introduced in 1988-89 to provide Night Shelter and Pay & Use toilets facilities to al1 urban shelterless. The Scheme was further modified in August 1992 to cover all urban centres having concentration of footpath dwellers/homeless and renamed as `Shelter & Sanitation Facilities for footpath Dwellers in Urban Area`. In October, 2002 the scheme has been revised and has been renamed as `Night Shelter for Urban Shelterless.` The scheme is now limited to construction of composite Night Shelters with community toilets and baths for urban shelterless. This is a demand driven scheme and its implementation is undertaken by the State Government or local municipal bodies or State sponsored agencies and proposals are mooted by them under the scheme, Government provides subsidy of of 50 of the cost of construction subject to cost ceiling Rs.20,000 per bed.

Upto October 2004, 99 Night Shelter/Pay & use toilets schemes have been sanctioned providing for 17599 beds, 17165 WCs, 2637 baths and 2372 urinals. Government subsidy of Rs.1580.21 lakh has been released for these schemes apart from loan release of Rs.1159.05 lakh from HUDCO.